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SUBJECT: BASRA CONSULATE COMPOUND--PROPERTY X03000

REF: STATE 141689

1. POST HAS BEEN UNABLE TO REPOSSESS BASRA PROPERTY FROM STARCO. WHILE STARCO HAS VACATED OFFICES, STATE CONTRACTING COMPANY OCCUPYING OFFICES UNDER TERMS OF ITS CONTRACT WITH STARCO HAS REFUSED TO MOVE DESPITE AMPLE NOTIFICATION BY STARCO.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH RESIDENT ENGINEER, STATE CONTRACTING COMPANY, 18 AUGUST, ADMIN OFFICER WAS ADVISED THEIR NEW QUARTERS WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THREE MONTHS, AND USG WAS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO EXTEND PRESENT LICENSE AGREEMENT. STARCO REPRESENTATIVE, GALE HAROLD, ADVISED ADMIN OFFICER STARCO HAD NO MONEY AND NO REQUIREMENT TO EXTEND LEASE. THEREFORE, IF WE ARE TO RENT PROPERTY, A NEW LICENSE WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED WITH THE STATE CONTRACTING COMPANY, WHICH IS AGENCY OF GOI. FURTHER, RESIDENT ENGINEER ADVISED GOVERNOR OF BASRA WANTS THE PROPERTY AS SOON AS THEY MOVE OUT FOR USE AS GOVERNMENT OFFICES. HE STATES GOI, AS REPRESENTED BY GOVERNOR, IS WILLING TO LEASE PROPERTY WITH
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PROVISION TO VACATE IMMEDIATELY USG HAS NEED FOR PROPERTY.

3. ADMIN OFFICER REITERATED USG POSITION THAT WE WANTED THE PROPERTY BACK IMMEDIATELY. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH DEFACTO OCCUPANCY BY AGENCY OF GOI. IF WE AGREE TO NEGOTIATE ADDITIONAL THREE MONTH LICENSE WITH PRESENT OCCUPANTS, WE WEAKEN OUR POSITION FOR REFUSING TO RENT

PROPERTY TO GOVERNOR OF BASRA AFTER THEIR DEPARTURE.
PROPERTY IS IN HIGHLY DESIRABLE LOCATION AND IF IT REMAINS
VACANT WE CAN EXPECT CONTINUED PRESSURE TO RENT IT. IN ORDER
TO DENY LEGAL STATUS TO STATE CONTRACTING COMPANY, WE
HAVE REFUSED TO SIGN TERMINATION AND ACQUITTANCE WITH
STARCO ON THE GROUNDS THEY ARE UNABLE TO RETURN PROPERTY.
PRESIDENT OF STATE CONTRACTING COMPANY DUE TO RETURN FROM
LEAVE THIS WEEK END, AND RESIDENT ENGINEER ADVISED THEY
WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH US FOR A REPLY TO THEIR REQUEST
FOR AN EXTENSION.

4. IT APPEARS TO US THAT BEST CHANCE OF ATTAINING DEPT'S
IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE OF VACATING PROPERTY IS TO DECLINE ANY
DIRECT DEAL WITH STATE CONTRACTING COMPANY OR OTHER
IRAQI ENTITY AND TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY
IN EVICTING PERSONNEL OF STATE CONTRACTING COMPANY. DEPT
WILL NOTE THAT THIS FORCLOSURES ANY POSSIBILITY OF ATTAINING
RENT FOR THE PERIOD IN WHICH IRAQI PERSONNEL MAY CONTINUE
SQUATTING ON PREMISES, BUT IT AT LEAST AVOIDS GIVING STATE
CONTRACTING COMPANY LEGAL CLAIM TO OCCUPANCY. URGENT
REPLY REQUESTED. MACK

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